Information for Prospective International Students

Foreign citizens with appropriate educational qualifications are offered initial counselling concerning courses of study, access to courses, requirements for admission and the application procedure at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Initial counselling for degree-seeking students is offered by the International Department, in the university main building, Unter den Linden 6, room 2257 (Lichthof West, Level 2).

Office hours:  
Monday 1pm - 3pm,  
Tuesday 10am -12pm and 1pm - 4pm,  
Wednesday 1pm - 4pm

Please note: due to the policies to curb the spread of the Corona virus, there will be no consultation available until further notice. We are happy to answer your questions by e-mail or telephone.

Phone: +49 30 2093-46724
E-mail: bewerbung-international@hu-berlin.de  
https://hu.berlin/intbewengl
I. APPLICATION PROCEDURE INFORMATION

Applications for academic study at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin made by foreign citizens, with university entrance qualifications acquired abroad, are submitted to a preliminary check by uni-assist. This is regardless of whether the application was made for access courses at the Studienkolleg or for courses leading to the Bachelor’s or Master’s degree, or the State Examination. If a Bachelor’s degree has already been obtained in Germany, the following website should be consulted in order to find out which application procedure is relevant: https://hu.berlin/bewerbungscheck/

Before submitting an application, prospective students should consult the current course catalogue, which can be found at: https://hu.berlin/catalogue In case of any subject-specific questions you are welcome to contact the relevant faculty adviser: https://hu.berlin/sfbengl

The application form for international applicants should be completed online at: https://my.uni-assist.de

Your application with all the necessary documents (PDF files) must be handed in online and be received by uni-assist by the deadline set for the course chosen.

1. Please note that an application cannot be considered unless uni-assist has received all the required documentation within the prescribed period (see point 7).

The following documents must be attached to an application:

- educational certificates obtained so far, including the secondary school leaving certificate together with marks received and, if applicable, university entrance examination documentation, evidence of study areas and grades obtained in previous studies including an explanation of the given grading system, graduation certificate and, if applicable, diploma supplement;
- enrolment certificate, if you are a student at another German or European higher education institution at the time you apply for a place at Humboldt, or
- certificate of exmatriculation (Exmatrikulationsbescheinigung) specifying the areas of study and number of semesters if you have previously studied at another higher education institution in Germany
- German translations of all certificates (exception: documents in English)
- evidence of German language skills (see point 2); and / or English, French, Spanish proof etc. - if applicable for the chosen subject;
- CV starting with the beginning of school education up till now;
- a photocopy of your passport or identity card (for applicants from the EU)
- self-assessment sheet is required for some Masters (available as a pdf file on the uni-assist application portal) For every Master the entry and language requirements have to be taken into account. You will find them under ‘ZZR’ (special knowledge) in our course catalogue under: https://hu.berlin/catalogue_master
- if applying for BA Sport Science: medical certificate (available as a pdf file on the uni-assist application portal) as well as a physical aptitude test (not older than 2 years, more information via: https://www.sport-eignungspruefung.de).

Information concerning the assessment and recognition of non-German educational certificates is available (in German) at: https://anabin.kmk.org

You can also use the database on the website of uni-assist at: https://www.uni-assist.de/en/tools/check-university-admission/ for a self-check of your university entrance qualification. Detailed country-specific information can be found at: https://www.uni-assist.de/en/tools/info-country-by-country/

The final decision on recognition of foreign educational certificates takes place in the application and admission process via uni-assist.
2. Language Requirements

All Bachelor degree courses are run in German. The applicant’s command of German can, among other possibilities, be tested in the DSH test ("Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang") at HU.

In order to be eligible for the DSH, applicants must show evidence that their command of German is at least on the C1 level according to the Common European Frame of Reference. A minimum score of three points in all four parts of the TestDaF examination can also be considered as proof of the required level for the application.  

https://www.testdaf.de

Certificates of attendance to German language courses are not considered sufficient; you will need a certificate completed with an examination.

Exemption from the DSH exam is possible under completion of TestDaF with a minimum score of four points in all four parts of the test or the “telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule”-test with an exam result “sehr gut” or “gut”, successful result in Goethe-Zertifikat C2, DSH-2 exam from another German university, etc.

Further information are available via: https://hu.berlin/amb202054

Please note that there may be different language requirements when applying for a Master’s course. Information on Master’s courses, language requirements and general Entrance and Admission Regulations can be obtained at: https://hu.berlin/catalogue_master

When applying for a place at the Studienkolleg, you are required to submit, in addition to the certificate of completed secondary education, proof of German language skills at Intermediate Level II (or, as equivalents: DHS-1, TestDaF Level 3, proof of success in a Course B2 and participation in a Course C1). When applying to W-Course an B1 certificate of English is additionally required.

If you satisfy all these formal requirements you will be invited to sit the Aptitude Test for Academic Studies (Studierfähigkeitstest) in Berlin. Information about the Studierfähigkeitstest can be obtained at: https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/studienkolleg/aufnahmetest/index.html

Humboldt-Universität does not offer any preparatory German language courses.

3. Please scan all require documents (originals) and upload them as PDF files to the application portal ‘My assist’ from uni-assist. In case you are not able to upload your original documents, please upload officially certified copies (all pages) as your originals. Not only educational certificates, but also language certificates must be uploaded online as PDF files (originals).

German translations completed in your home country will be recognised only if completed by a state-licensed translator or an officially approved translating agency. Translations can also be completed by sworn interpreters or translators in the Federal Republic of Germany. Please see: https://www.gerichtsdolmetscherverzeichnis.de

More information about the translation of your documents can be found on the uni-assist website under: https://www.uni-assist.de/en/how-to-apply/assemble-your-documents/certified-copies-and-translations/

Which documents are relevant and required for you application depends on the country you have obtained your degree(s) in. Therefore, please read the special country-by-country information from uni-assist carefully: https://www.uni-assist.de/en/tools/info-country-by-country/

If your documents are verifiable online, please supply uni-assist with all resources necessary to conduct the online verification. The information on how to verify the document online should either be explained on the document itself or in a separate letter. It is enough to upload all this information via the application portal ‘My assist’.

4. Before you apply, please make sure, which subjects are currently on offer at the Humboldt-Universität and read their descriptions on the website at: https://hu.berlin/catalogue

There are also flyers for prospective students available at: https://hu.berlin/leaflets
In your application you must provide the complete name of the course of study. A Combined Bachelor’s course consists of a major and a minor subject (Kernfach and Zweifach). Information on possible subject combinations in Combined Bachelor’s courses is available from: https://hu.berlin/degrees

The number of choices available to you at the Humboldt-Universitaet zu Berlin can be found in the following overview: https://hu.berlin/bewerbungsgrafik

a) Applicants from EU-Countries as well as from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are allowed to apply for a maximum of three admission-restricted (NC) undergraduate courses (Bachelor’s or State Examination courses). Furthermore, these applicants are allowed to indicate (and apply for) an additional non-admission-restricted (non-NC) course of studies in the application.

b) All other international applicants from non-EU countries are allowed to apply for only one admission-restricted (NC) undergraduate course (Bachelor’s or State Examination course), and are likewise allowed to apply for an additional non-admission-restricted (non-NC) course of studies.

c) Applicants (whether EU or non-EU applicants) to Master’s courses are allowed to apply for only one admission-restricted (NC) Master’s course and additionally for one non-admission-restricted (non-NC) degree course.

Detailed information on BA courses that include a teacher training option (with Lehramtsoption or Lehramtsbezug) is available from: https://hu.berlin/lehramt (in German).

If you intend to apply to a degree course with the teacher training option (Bachelor or Master), you should choose ‘Lehramt’ as a degree pursuit in the online application form.

Some courses (1st semester) will take part in the dialogue-orientated service procedure (DoSV) of the Foundation for University Admissions (hochschulstart.de): https://hu.berlin/dosv_en

Before applying online to uni-assist, you must first register at: https://www.hochschulstart.de
After registering, you will receive a two-part identification number consisting of a BID (Applicant ID) and a BAN (Applicant authentication number). This number must then be provided in the application to uni-assist. Further information is available at: https://www.uni-assist.de/en/how-to-apply/plan-your-application/hochschulstart-dosv/

5. Applicants can transfer to a more advanced stage of a course programme, if documentation of previous university studies, not yet completed studies or academic achievements in the same or a related subject is submitted. If this is the case, please choose the option ‘higher semester’ (höheres Fachsemester) on your application form next to the chosen study course. Recognition of previous academic achievements for admission to a more advanced stage of a course of study will be considered during the application process.

6. Applications submitted by persons who have already acquired an undergraduate degree in an EU country, in Iceland, Norway or Liechtenstein and are now applying for the first semester of a course leading to the State Examination or a BA/BSc. degree, are considered to be applications for a second degree course (Zweitstudium). With such applications it is necessary for the applicant to state the reasons why they wish to take a second degree course. In this case, the information below should be considered: https://hu.berlin/second

Applicants from EU countries, from Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein who are already pursuing studies in a European country other than Germany, and now wish to apply for the same course of study at a German higher education institution, are required to apply for a more advanced stage or semester of that course. I.e. they may not apply for admission to the first semester.
Multiple Applications

If you submit applications to several universities in Germany, please be aware that application deadlines and conditions may differ. An up to date list of higher education institutions which cooperate with uni-assist can be found online at:  https://www.uni-assist.de/en/tools/uni-assist-universities/

Information on the uni-assist application procedure at:   https://www.uni-assist.de

Information on the study possibilities on other universities in Germany:  
https://www.hochschulkompass.de/en.html

And especially on the international degrees run in English:  
https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/studiengang/en/

Information on courses as well as application in medicine and dentistry is available from:  
https://www.charite.de/en/teaching_learning/degree_programs/

Contact:
Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin  Office hours:
Referat Studienangelegenheiten  Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Hannoversche Straße 19, D-10115 Berlin  9.30 am - 12.30 pm / 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Friday 9.00 am - 12.00 am
Phone:   (+49) 30 450 576 042
E-mail:   stud-hotline@charite.de

7. Application Deadlines
The complete application documents must be uploaded within the prescribed period of time (cut-off deadline). Your application will not be considered if received after the deadline. The following application periods are valid for all international students, including the EU/EEA applicants.

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Please note that there may be alternative application deadlines and conditions for postgraduate courses and international Master’s courses. Please see:  https://hu.berlin/catalogue_master

Please consider the information on the entrance requirements under ‘Special knowledge’ as well as the relevant language requirements in the study offer below, if you wish to apply for a Master’s course at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin:  https://hu.berlin/catalogue_master

uni-assist is a registered TOEFL institution. By using Code 2727 on the ETS website you can have your TOEFL results transferred directly to all uni-assist universities so that it is no longer necessary for universities to ask for them separately.
8. Fees
A handling fee is charged for the preliminary check of your application by uni-assist. Please find information on the application costs and payment options at: https://www.uni-assist.de/en/how-to-apply/pay-all-fees/

9. Further Procedure
Online application forms should be completed very carefully. All necessary documents for the desired course programme must be attached.
Please do not forget to provide your personal e-mail address at which you can be reached at all times.
After uni-assist has checked that all documents required for the further consideration of your application are complete, you will be notified. The application data will be forwarded electronically to the Admissions Office for International Students at the Humboldt-Universität. The information you get from uni-assist is recognised by German embassies and consular representations as proof that your application has been confirmed.

You will also be informed if the documentation you submit fails to meet the University’s requirements. In this case, your documents will remain with uni-assist. You can then make corrections or add missing documents within the prescribed application period (before the deadline) or alternatively, re-apply to Humboldt-Universität in the next semester.

If admission to a study course at the Humboldt-Universität is not granted, the application form and the documents attached to it will be stored for one calendar year by uni-assist. If you wish to reapply during this time period, you do not need to resubmit the documents which are already on hand. Please be sure to pay attention to the information regarding this at www.uni-assist.de.

10. Applications which are incomplete, incorrect or not submitted by the deadline are excluded from the admissions procedure.

11. International applicants with no formal university entrance qualifications are required to take a university entrance examination (Feststellungsprüfung). The exam may be taken either immediately or after successfully attending a one-year access course at the Studienkolleg (see point 7).

12. A limited number of study places (5% of the total) on full-time courses leading to a Bachelor’s degree or to the State Examination are made available to applicants from non-EU countries. This is dependent on their qualifications, which are derived from grades obtained in secondary or other previous education (average grade).

EU citizens, citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway and German applicants are admitted on the basis of the same criteria. The official table of the minimum academic requirements for admission to courses with restricted entry (NC-Grenzwerttabelle) from previous semester is available via: https://hu.berlin/nc (in German).

13. After you have successfully submitted your application data via uni-assist, Humboldt-Universität will send you an email including more information and the status of your application. This will enable you to track the progress of your application. Please check your e-mail inbox regularly at this point, including your spam folder.

You will be able to check whether your application has been accepted online. If your application is successful, please accept your place online within the specified time frame. We will provide the letter of decision on admission (positive/negative) in electronic form as a download on your HU-status request (Online-Statusabfrage). The list of all documents needed for the enrolment will also be provided online – after the admission and your acceptance of the place.

Please make sure to accept or decline your place of studies online by the deadline.
II. UNI-ASSIST EXEMPTIONS

Online application for international, degree-seeking HU Students who are already enrolled (degree-seeking) or were enrolled before at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Please compile and send the appropriate application within the prescribed period (see point 7 “Application deadlines”) via the HU-Online-Application-Portal: https://hu.berlin/apply

You will receive a binding list of all necessary documents in the course of your application (on the application form).

Please note that for a successful Master’s course application you are required to send us proof of all your academic achievements including modules and ECTS (not more than 30 ECTS short; valid only for the application period for the winter semester 2022/23). At time of enrolment (or latest at registration renewal for the semester after the next one) only the bachelor’s certificate and transcript can be handed in late.

International HU-students please contact the admissions office for international students. Please consult our webpage for the current Office Hours: https://hu.berlin/zula_engl

Information for international PhD-applicants are available at: https://hu.berlin/phdintengl

You will find the contact persons for phd-applicants in each faculty by: https://hu.berlin/promfak

III. ENROLMENT

1. The Letter of Admission (Zulassungsbescheid) contains information on the conditions of enrolment and on the period (cut-off period) within which the candidate can enrol.

2. Before the applicant is enrolled, evidence of a sufficient command of German (if applicable) must be provided. Applicants who are not formally granted exemption from the Language Test are required to take the “Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang” (DSH). An invitation to attend the DSH Examination will be issued as a pdf-document once the admission is granted and after your electronic acceptance of the study place within the specified time frame. As a general rule, DSH Examinations take place in the middle/end of March for the Summer Semester, or in the middle of September for the Winter Semester. A fee of €150 will be charged by the Language Centre of Humboldt-Universität on the examination day.

3. With the enrolment form the following documents must be submitted within the cut-off period:

- filled-out and signed enrolment form and the form Hochschulvergangenheit
- receipt of semester fees paid (currently € 315.64), see: https://hu.berlin/beitrag
- health insurance certificate (see point V)
- if applicable, proof of success in the DSH II or DSH III;
  or TestDaF examinations with a score of at least four points in each of the four parts;
  or the Goethe Institute Language Proficiency Certificate (C2 Level);
  or DSD II with C1 level in all parts of the test;
  or „teLC Deutsch C1 Hochschule" with an exam result “sehr gut” or “gut"
  Please note: the language certificate must not be older than 3 years
- further evidences of language proficiency (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS) if required for a certain course of study
- if applicable, evidence of withdrawal from previous studies at another higher education institution in Germany (Exmatrikulationsnachweis).

Please submit the documents by post within the enrolment period.
Postal Address: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Referat Studierendenservice
Unter den Linden 6
10099 Berlin
GERMANY

In case of further enquiries at this point, please contact the admission office for international students. Please also consult our webpage for the current Office Hours under: https://hu.berlin/zula_engl

IV. FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Visas for study purposes will be issued by German embassies or consulates. Residence permits for study purposes will be extended if evidence is provided that both studies and livelihood in Germany are financially covered. There are organizations in Germany which provide grants and scholarships to international students. Information on scholarships or grants may be obtained from the embassies and consulates of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Goethe Institutes, the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) and the International Department of Humboldt-Universität.

A summary of available funding schemes and foundations can be found at: http://www.funding-guide.de and in the Guide for International Students at: https://hu.berlin/guidelines

V. HEALTH INSURANCE

International students must have a valid health insurance as a vital condition of enrolment. The required health insurance certificates are available from any German health insurance company.

Students with mandatory or statutory insurance coverage coming from countries with which Germany has a social security agreement, including EU and EEA countries, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Tunisia, need to present a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to a German statutory insurance company to have the coverage confirmed. They will then be issued a certificate of exemption from statutory insurance coverage by the German health insurance company.

Students with private health insurance coverage in their home country may terminate their contract and obtain a student policy from a German statutory health insurance company instead. Alternatively, they may be exempted from statutory health insurance in Germany and continue to be insured on a private basis. As a general rule, all international students in Germany need to have health insurance coverage in order to get a residence permit or to be enrolled. The statement of exemption needed to be enrolled will be issued by a statutory insurance company of your own choice.

For detailed information please visit: https://hu.berlin/insurance
VI. FORMALITIES BEFORE AND AFTER COMING TO GERMANY

International students normally need a valid visa for study purposes when entering Germany. EU citizens as well as citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Andorra, Australia, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Canada, Monaco, San Marino, Korea, New Zealand and the USA are exempted from this regulation. Visas for study purposes are issued by the German diplomatic and consular representations in the applicant’s home country, which will also give information on current entry and residence regulations.

To apply for a visa, the following documents need to be presented:

1. secondary school leaving certificate which is recognized in Germany,
2. valid passport or equivalent,
3. confirmation in writing that the candidate’s complete application has been received (Bewerberbestätigung - BBZ). This is provided automatically by uni-assist or issued upon request by a German higher education institution or reservation of a place on an intensive German language course run by a state-funded and state-approved institution in Germany, or the Letter of Admission (Zulassungsbescheid) of a higher education institution,
4. proof that the prospective student is financially covered.

Applicants who have not yet received a Letter of Admission can apply for an applicant’s visa (Bewerbervisum) by presenting the document confirming that their application has been received in Germany. An applicant’s visa or a visa for the preparation of university studies in Germany may be turned into a residence permit for study purposes as soon as the holder is granted admission to studies.

A tourist visa cannot be converted into a residence permit for study purposes under no circumstances. Application for a visa must be made fairly early, because it usually takes several weeks before a visa for study purposes is issued.

Within 14 days after arrival in Germany registration is required at the local Citizens’ Office (Bürgeramt). If you already have an address in Germany upon your arrival, please book an appointment in Bürgeramt in advance from your home country, which can be done on the following website: https://service.berlin.de/terminvereinbarung/

After entry into Germany, the Foreigners’ Registration Office (Ausländerbehörde) of Berlin needs to convert the prospective student’s visa into a residence permit for academic studies. Please note that prospective students entering Germany on a visa-free basis must also apply for a residence permit at the Foreigners’ Registration Office within three months after entry.

Landesamt für Einwanderung (LAE) / Berlin Immigration Office

Keplerstraße 2 10589 Berlin Phone: +49 30 90269-4000
Underground station: Mierendorfplatz / U7 Bus station: Keplerstraße (M27)
Further information is available at: https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/en

The Visa Service of the HU Berlin can help you with your application for a residence permit. You can contact them via:

visaservice@hu-berlin.de https://hu.berlin/visaservice-en
VII. CHECKLISTS FOR THE APPLICATION

1. Adhere to the application deadline
2. Set up an account at the uni-assist website
3. Fill out the application form
4. Complete your application documents (translations; others, such as language certificate(s), CV, passport copy, tests, job reference)
5. Transfer application fee to uni-assist
6. Upload complete application to uni-assist \textbf{(be aware of the deadline)}

Additionally for application to Masters:

- Is your Bachelor degree completed till the deadline?
  
  No? Still possible till the enrolment deadline (31st March for the summer term, 30\textsuperscript{th} September for the winter term)

  Please note: not more than 30 ECTS credits can be still lacking in your transcript till the deadline (valid only for the application period for the winter semester 2022/23)

- If necessary, fill out and submit the self-assessment sheet to the application

- Consider specific requirements for each Master (e.g. language requirements, essays, tests)

VIII. CHECKLISTS FOR ENROLMENT

1. Adhere to the enrolment deadline
2. filled-out enrolment form
3. filled-out form \textit{Hochschulvergangenheit}
4. documents to be submitted as stated in your letter of admission
5. if applicable, evidence of withdrawal from previous studies at another higher education institution in Germany or abroad (\textit{Exmatrikulationsnachweis})
6. Health insurance: By 1st January 2022 the \textit{Elektronische Studierenden-Meldeverfahren} from the public health insurance companies in Germany becomes operative. After you have received an admission, please contact the public health insurance company of your choice in Germany and inform them to forward the information about your health insurance status via \textit{Meldegrund 10} to the HU Berlin. No other documents from your public health insurance company in Germany can be used for your enrolment instead. For further and detailed information please visit: \url{https://hu.berlin/insurance}
7. receipt of semester fees paid directly to the HU bank account (cash payment is not possible)
8. valid postal address in Germany, to which information on your student ID (CampusCard) will be sent (no address abroad, no hotel or hostel address either).
### Timeline for the application procedure for international prospective students for:

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#### Before applying
- **Documents**
  - Collecting documents (e.g. translations, language certificates)
- **Application**
  - Check course catalogue; preparing application documents
  - Submit complete application as PDF files to uni-assist; payment of the application fee to uni-assist
- **Contacting HU/Questions regarding:**
  - Subjects, language requirements, deadlines, application procedure, necessary documents

#### After submitting Application
- **Master with NC/without NC**
  - Letter of admission/Rejection letter for Master with NC/without NC
  - Letter of admission/Rejection letter for Bachelor with NC/without NC
- **Bachelor with NC/without NC**
  - Decision Bachelor with NC/without NC
  - Decision Master with NC/without NC
  - Preparation for Arrival/Enrolment
  - Enrolment
  - Apartment search/moving to Berlin; preparing documents for enrolment (health insurance: certificate of exemption for students from EU/EWR)
  - Arrival/ Accommodation; forwarding complete enrolment documents as given via HU application account (incl. payment of the semester fee)

- **Collecting documents**
  - Collecting documents (e.g. translations, language certificates)
- **Check course catalogue; preparing application documents**
  - Submit complete application as PDF files to uni-assist; payment of the application fee to uni-assist
- **Deadline Master with NC/without NC**
  - Submit complete application as PDF files to uni-assist; payment of the application fee to uni-assist
- **Deadline Bachelor with NC/without NC**
  - Submit complete application as PDF files to uni-assist; payment of the application fee to uni-assist